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Great Wealth of Man Who Worked as a Clerk.

WILL CONTEST HIS WILL

Boston Court Is Mystified at Disclosures Brought to Light by Suit.

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 3 .- "How did he make it?" was asked by Judge Robert Grant, before whom was given a hearof John Howe Colby, who for fifty-two years was a clerk in the city clerk's office, on a salary of less than \$2,000 a year, but who, it was found after his death last October, had accumulated an estate that has been appraised at \$192,-

Colby died a bachelor, seventy-five rears old. He owned no real estate. All of his fortune consisted of cash, bank leposits, and gilt-edge securities.

He Inherited Nothing. He inherited nothing. In his room was found \$48,387 in neatly folded bills, besides securities. At the New England rust Company he had \$87,000 on de-

posit.

His will was made in 1866, and left everything, except a bequest to his mother, who died before he did, to public institutions. His brother, Henry S. Colby, an octogenarian, and his nieces, Anna E. Lincoln and Emma J. Taft, of Waltham, are the cotestants.

Was Very Reticent.

For thirty years before his death Colby roomed in the home of Dr. William B. Mackie, of 675 Tremont street.. Dr. Mackie said he knew little of Colby's Mackie said he knew little of Colby's affairs, as Colby lived by himself, was very reticent, and had no callers. Dr. William C. Mackie, of Brookline, son of Colby's landlord, and who was appointed special administrator of his estate, testified in answer to Judge Holmes' question as to how Colby accumulated such a sum that Colby was conservative, frugal, and thrifty. Although Colby lived well and dressed well, the people in the same house never knew whether he was rich or poor.

LETTER LOST FOR TWENTY YEARS ARRIVES AT LAST

PEORIA, Ill., Feb. 3.-Delayed twenty years in transmission, a letter mailed in Richmond, Ind., April 15, 1886, to Howard Knight, who then lived in ward knight, who then lived in omington, Ill., has finally turned up, eletter bears the stamp of the dead ter office impressed during the past we months and no other marks which we light on its whereabouts during twenty years. The postal author-is are unable to explain the delay. A all amount of money in the letter is been left untouched.

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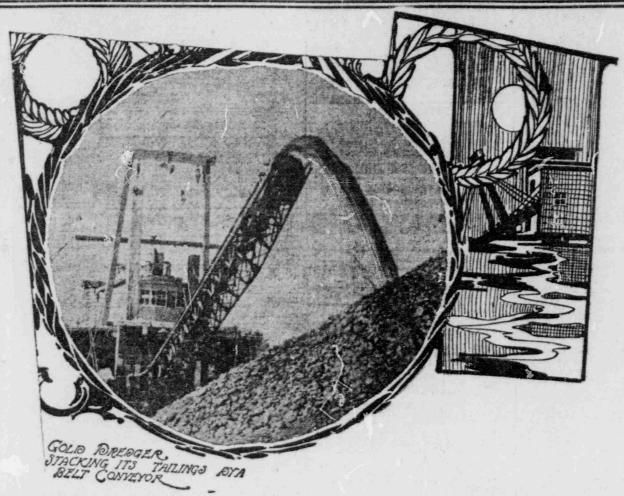
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